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Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Amr Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and of its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs addressed to the Secretary-General

Egypt is following the development of the tragic situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina with deep concern since the inhabitants of this republic are the daily and systematic victims of violence and massacres, the goal being to obliterate their identity and crush their aspirations to freedom and independence.

Deeply shocked by the daily television images of the violence and destruction afflicting the innocent civilians of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Egyptian people are beginning to ask questions about the silence of the international community and the United Nations regarding acts which can only be described as acts of genocide directed against the inhabitants of Bosnia and Herzegovina, whether or not they are Muslims.

Despite the adoption of Security Council resolution 752 (1992) of 15 May 1992 calling for an immediate end to the fighting in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Yugoslav National Army, assisted by Serbian irregulars, is continuing to spread death and desolation. Egypt therefore urges the United Nations to intervene as a matter of urgency to ensure protection for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, compel the forces of aggression and the irregulars attached to them to withdraw immediately from Bosnia and Herzegovina and work for a peaceful settlement that would guarantee the sovereignty and independence of this young State and preserve the integrity of these territories from all armed aggression and all plots aimed at their partition.

On this occasion, I wish to stress that Egypt firmly supports the admission of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations and hopes that all peace-loving countries will support the just demands of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and demonstrate solidarity with them in the difficult situation they are currently experiencing.